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SUBJECT: FOOD AND AGRICULTURE REACTION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S
SEPTEMBER 1 SPEECH TO UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPECIAL SESSION

1. ALTHOUGH THIS WILL BE DUPLICATIVE OF USUN'S REPORTING,
IT MAY BE OF INTEREST THAT EDWARD OMOTOSO, SECRETARY OF
WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, PREVIOUSLY WITH ECOSOC, REPORTED TO
WORLD FOOD SECRETARIAT FROM UNGA SESSION THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
WERE HIGHLY IMPRESSED WITH SECRETARY'S SPEECH, WHICH THEY
CONSIDERED A REAL "BREAKTHROUGH." WORLD FOOD
COUNCIL SECRETARIAT IS CONVEYING THIS REACTION TO OTHER
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS HERE IN ROME.

2. MANY OF THOSE TO WHOM U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO DIS-
TRIBUTED COPIES OF SPEECH HAVE COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON IT.
MOST NOTEWORTHY IS SEPTEMBER 4 LETTER FROM MEXICAN AMBASSADOR
TO FAO MANUEL ARMENDARIZ E., WHO ALTHOUGH RELATIVELY NEW TO ROME
HAS BEEN ONE OF LEADERS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HERE. HE SAID HE
HAD READ THE SPEECH WITH INTEREST, AND ALSO THE SPEECHES OF
PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY OF TREASURY SIMON BEFORE ANNUAL
FUND-BANK MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, THAT HE IS "CONVINCED THAT THEY
ALL DEMONSTRATE THE GRAVE CONCERNS OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION OVER
THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION...", AND THAT HE IS "HOPEFUL
THAT IT MAY INITIATE A NEW APPROACH AND... A SINCERE EFFORT TO
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